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This is in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 6 remain in the application.

Claims 1 through 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Miller et al. (SAE Paper No. 982291). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

SAE Paper No. 982291 to Miller et al. discloses transient CFD simulations of a bell sprayer. Two numerical models are required in order to analyze the effect of paint transfer efficiency under varying bell operation conditions. First, the shaping air from a bell sprayer is simulated using a new computational fluid dynamics simulation, PowerFlow, as described in section 2.1. The numerical simulation is a single species, single-phase model and subsequently, paint spray dynamics and interaction with the shaping air must be modeled using a separate

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